

March 8, 2006

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Torrance Cable Television Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at 7:05 p.m. in the Torrance Community Television Studio located in the Stanley E. Remelmeyer Telecommunications Center.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners: Nishinaga, Perkins, Simmons, Sunshine, and Chair Carlson

Also Present: Cindy Hibbard, Clerk Typist
Mark J. Doddy, Community Television Coordinator
Michael D. Smith, Cable & Community Relations Manager

Excused: Korman and Rivera

Absent: NONE

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Commissioner Perkins led the salute to the flag.

4. MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA:

MOTION: *Commissioner Perkins moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on posting of the agenda for this meeting. This motion seconded by Commissioner, Nishinaga carried with an aye vote.*

5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS - NONE

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) November 9, 2005

MOTION: *Commissioner Nishinaga moved to table the minutes of February 8, 2006 until the May 10th meeting. This motion seconded by Commissioner Perkins, motion carried with an aye vote.*

7. SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

A) Community Matters – NONE

B) Committee Reports

1) Producer Incentive Committee

TCTV hosted a session titled "On Camera Talent" offered by this years Awards Show Host, Ben McCain from CitiCABLE Channel 3's "This Week in Torrance". Ben led a discussion about his influences and reading material that he has used to improve his ability as "on-camera talent".

Ben also brought a list of books that he recommends to anyone interested in performing as an on-camera professional. He took a moment to talk to each Producer about their individual needs and wants from volunteering with TCTV.

The next meeting is scheduled March 3, PSA in a Day, coordinated by Commissioner Sunshine and hosted by TCTV Staff and volunteers.

C) Report of the Community Television Center

- 1) February, 2006 - Coordinator Doddy discussed statistics for the month. He highlighted 4 new programs were completed compared to 4 in 2005 and 6 in 2004. He also noted studio usage was up at 73%, field camera check-outs for the DV Field Camcorders were also up at 62%. Post-production was down at 23% this month compared to 56% last year. 3 potential Users attended the monthly New Users Orientation, and 2 were certified. 1 potential User received an It's Your TV Brochure.

Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: *Commissioner Perkins moved to accept the Torrance Community Television Center Report for February 2006. This motion seconded by Commissioner Nishinaga, motion carried with aye vote.*

D) Report of Legislative and Cable Related Activities – February, 2006

Manager Smith gave a brief summary of the report.

House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Rep. Joe Barton said he supports replacing the nation's existing system of local cable TV franchising with a national scheme-a proposal advanced by major telephone companies-and hopes to release a legislative draft on the subject later this week.

Looking to create a telecommunications behemoth that could prompt consolidation in the cable sector, AT&T Inc. said Sunday that it will acquire BellSouth Corp. for \$67 billion in AT&T stock.

Providing subsidies for rural telecommunications services -- possibly even broadband access for the first time -- is crucial to passing a new telecommunications law, Senate Commerce Committee chairman Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) said Tuesday at a hearing designed to highlight the importance of high-speed Internet access to thinly populated regions of the country.

Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: *Commissioner Sunshine moved to accept the Legislative and Cable Related Activities Report for February 2006. This motion seconded by Commissioner Perkins, carried with an aye vote.*

E) Old Business - NONE

F) New Business - NONE

G) ADDENDUM MATTERS - NONE

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

- a) Coordinator Doddy wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.
- b) Manager Smith mentioned the success of the recent SCAN NATOA Inc. meeting in Garden Grove to discuss the January 17, 2006 decision by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in Sprint PCS v. City of La Cañada Flintridge. In its ruling, the Court found against the City in interpreting the requirements of California Public Utilities Code §§ 7901 and 7901.1 and Federal law to determine that aesthetic concerns are not valid reasons for denying or conditioning permits to wireless providers.
- c) Manager Smith mentioned another recent SCAN NATOA Inc. meeting in Santa Monica to share election programming on government access channels. 6 to 8 different examples from Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and New York City was shared.
- d) Manager Smith invited Commissioners to attend the May 11, 2006, 10th Annual SCAN NATOA Inc. Spring Conference and Trade Show in Santa Monica.
- e) Commissioner Perkins said she really enjoyed the video segments shown at the awards ceremony.
- f) Commissioner Perkins wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.
- g) Chairman Carlson expressed his appreciation for the quality and effort put into the awards ceremony.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Carlson adjourned the meeting of March 8, 2006 to reconvene on Wednesday, April 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Smith
Cable & Community Relations Manager

Roll Call: Korman ☐ Nishinaga ☐ Perkins ☐ Rivera ☐ Simmons ☐ Sunshine ☐ Carlson ☐